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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, EG, IS, US

SUBJECT: REPORTED SADAT MEETINGS WITH AMERICAN
CORRESPONDENTS

REF: CAIRO 20098

1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED WORD HERE THAT PRESIDENT SADAT
HAS INVITED WALTER CRONKITE, BARBARA WALTERS, AND JOHN
CHANCELLOR TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON HIS FLIGHT FROM PARIS TO
WASHINGTON. WE CANNOT CONFIRM THIS AND YOUR INFORMATION
REFTEL MAY WELL BE LATER THAN OURS. HOWEVER, THE SOURCE
IS GOOD ENOUGH TO CAUSE US CONCERN. WE HAD NOT HEARD
WRINKLE THAT SADAT HAD REFUSED INTERVIEWS.

2. PLEASE CALL HASSAN KAMEL AND SAY WE HAVE HAD THE
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ABOVE REPORT AND WANT TO CHECK IT OUT. YOU SHOULD EXPRESS
THE CONCERN THAT, WHILE IT IS UP TO PRESIDENT SADAT TO
DECIDE WHO WILL ACCOMPANY HIM ON HIS AIRCRAFT, SUCH CON-
TACT BY SADAT WITH THE PRESS WOULD LIKELY LEAD TO COM-
PARABLE APPROACHES TO THE PRESS BY BEGIN. YOU SHOULD SAY
YOU ARE SURE EGYPTIANS WILL AGREE THAT THIS WOULD RUN
COUNTER TO THE DESIRE ALL OF US SHARE TO MAINTAIN A LOW

PROFILE AND A CALM ATMOSPHERE BEFORE THE IMPORTANT CAMP
DAVID MEETINGS.

3. YOU MAY COUCH ABOVE IN ANY WAY THAT FITS WITH SOURCE
AND STATE OF YOUR INFORMATION. CHRISTOPHER

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